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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: METHOD OF PRINTING CELLULOSIC

FIBRE MATERIALS WITHOUT AN

ADDITIONAL FIXING PROCESS STEP

Commissioner for Patents

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as follows, in accord with the OG Notice of January 31, 2003, prior to calculation of the filing fee and consideration on the merits.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-14.

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.